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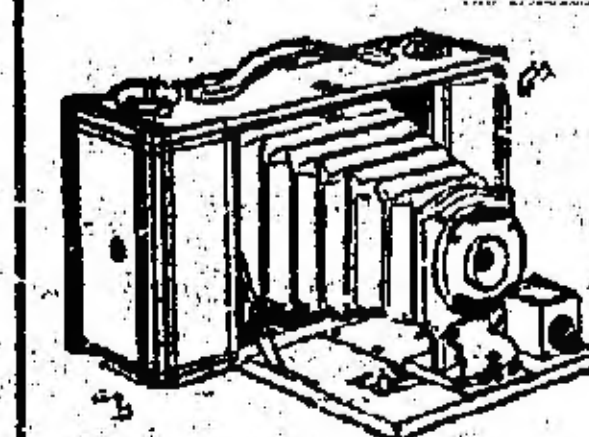


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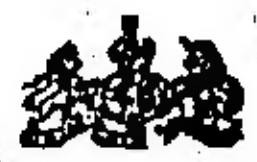
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HONGKONG, JULY 24TH, 1911.

MR. SHELTON HOOPER has resigned his seat on the Sanitary Board as a protest, presumably, against the attitude of the Government towards the Board, revealed in certain questions and answers reported in the proceedings of the Board's last meeting. On June 20th the Board passed a resolution deleting from the repealing clause of the new Sanitation and Conservancy Bye-laws the words "and at page 480 of the Regulations of Hongkong 1910," but when the Bye-laws came before the Legislative Council for approval on July 6th these words had been re-inserted. In reply to a question on the subject the President of the Board said the words were re-inserted by the authority of the Colonial Secretary, and he presumed the reason for their re-insertion was that the Colonial Secretary considered them necessary for use and reference in the future. The President of the Board was himself not aware before the Legislative Council had approved the bye-laws, that the addition had been made. At the suggestion of Mr. HOOPER, the President of the Board undertook to inform the Government of the "error." Mr. HOOPER has not waited for the Government's reply to that communication, but the

electors who will be asked shortly to appoint another representative will be greatly interested to read what excuse there is to offer for the discourtesy shown to the Board. If recommendations made by the Board are to be calmly ignored in this way, there is little satisfaction to be got out of public representation on the Board. When Mr. HENRY HUMPHREYS retired from the Board in January 1909 he said he took leave without a single regret, for the Board's business had been whittled down by new legislation to practically nothing, and the proceedings had become a farce. We do not know that we should be correct in saying that Mr. HOOPER, after serving on the Board for nearly six years, of which about three have been under the new régime, has reached a similar conclusion. It will be admitted, we dare say by the Government as handsomely as by the ratepayers that Mr. HOOPER has rendered a great amount of very useful service on the Board. There is no need for us to dwell at any length upon the close attention he has paid to the work, for the reports of the Board's proceedings have made that fact obvious to all. Nor can it be necessary to recall the valuable services he rendered as a member of the Commission whose report led to the reorganisation of the Sanitary Department and the Board. His great interest in the work, combined with his intimate knowledge and long experience have marked him as one pre-eminently qualified to represent the community on this Board, and the loss of his services therefore evokes more than a formal expression of regret. Though he has frequently been a thorn in the side of the Government, it cannot be denied that his criticisms have always been pertinent and often beneficial to the administration. We trust that the reasons assigned for the resignation of Mr. HOOPER, and the remembrance of those which prompted the retirement of Mr. HENRY HUMPHREYS will not have the effect of discouraging others absolutely from undertaking to represent the community on the Board. It is perhaps a thankless office, but in its heart of hearts the community appreciates the service, and certainly recognises that it is highly desirable that public representation on the Board should be fully maintained. From that point of view we are inclined to question the wisdom of the resignation on a matter which did not vitally affect the interests of the community, although it involved a highly important principle to which Mr. HOOPER forcibly called attention by his questions and speeches at the Sanitary Board meeting. It cannot be said that such discourtesy is habitually shown towards the Sanitary Board by the Government, and it seems incredible to us that the circumstances related by Mr. HOOPER can have been deliberately intended as a snub to the Board. Whatever may be the Government's explanation, we are inclined to think that after the public reference made to the matter there is not likely to be another incident of the kind.

Three more fatal cases of plague, Chinese, were reported on Saturday, bringing the year's death roll up to 224.

Mr. C. Pemberton, Secretary of the China Fire Insurance Co. left by the *Yamato* of Japan on Saturday on leave. Mr. H. F. Hickman has been appointed Secretary during his absence.

It is announced in the *Gazette* that his Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint the Hon. Mr. W. D. Barnes to be Chairman of the Licensing Board, vice the Hon. Sir Henry May, resigned.

News of another armed robbery has been communicated to police headquarters from Cheung Chau. Six men, one of whom was armed with a knife, are stated to have entered a villager's shop, overpowered the folk and departed with \$37.

Major E. L. Mears, Captain E. S. Johnson, three non-commissioned officers from the Army Service Corps and one non-commissioned officer of the Army Ordnance Corps were attached to the Command from the 25th to 30th November, 1910, inclusive, awaiting passage to England.

Three Chinese were charged before Mr. Hazell at the Magistrate's Court on Saturday with kidnapping a married woman from a village in Chinese territory for the purposes of emigration. The case was remanded, and on the next hearing the police will probably prefer a charge of murder against the defendants.

The following police transfers have been made:—Inspector Cameron goes to the Peak from the Central Police Station; Inspector Fenton goes from the Central to No. 8 Station; Sergeant Mackay has been transferred from the Peak to Shamshui; and Sergeant Angus, who was in charge of the latter district, reverts to the Central; Lance Sergeant Fowler proceeds from No. 8 Station to the new station opened at Chai Wan; Lance Sergeant Perkins, late usher at the Magistracy, resumes street duty; and has been succeeded by Acting Lance-Sergeant Spencer from the Peak.

TELEGRAMS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE CONSTITUTIONAL CRISIS.

London, July 22nd.
The Cabinet has considered the political situation, following a conference between Mr. Asquith and the Master of Elibank.

KING TO ACT ON PREMIER'S ADVICE.

London, July 22nd.
Lord Lansdowne held a meeting of his supporters at Lansdowne House last night, at which there was an attendance of some 150 politicians.

The proceedings were private, but it is understood that the leaders deprecated the carrying out of extreme measures.

A letter from Mr. Asquith to Mr. Balfour was read, in which the Premier stated that he thought it only courteous and right to let Mr. Balfour know that the Government was unable to accept the Lords' amendments, and, if necessary, he should advise His Majesty the King to exercise his prerogative in order to secure the passing of the Bill into law substantially as it left the House of Commons. His Majesty, the Premier added, had signified that he would consider it his duty to act on that advice.

The meeting did not arrive at any decision. The Unionists previously met at Mr. Balfour's residence, the attendance including Lord Lansdowne, Lord Selborne, Lord Salisbury, Mr. Austen Chamberlain, Mr. George Wyndham and Mr. Bonar Law.

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Unionist accounts of the Lansdowne meeting state that Lord Lansdowne recommended submission to superior force, and was supported by Lord Curzon, Lord St. Aldwyn, the Duke of Devonshire, and Baron Harris, whereas Lord Selborne, the Duke of Norfolk, Lord Salisbury, Duke of Bedford, and Lord Willoughby de Broke urged resistance to the end.

The *Daily Mail* and the *Daily Telegraph* admit that the crisis is ended. The *Morning Post* and *Standard* advocate resistance to the end.

EXTREMISTS UNSUBDUED.

London, July 22nd.
The *Daily Chronicle* states that Mr. Asquith has written a second letter to Lord Lansdowne in which he has asked for an assurance that the Bill will be passed in its original form. Lord Lansdowne is unable at present to give such assurance, thus indicating that the Extremists are unsubdued, and the immediate creation of peers will perhaps be necessary.

The *Standard's* lobby writer agrees with yesterday's statement in the *Daily Graphic* that Lord Lansdowne will support the Government if the Extremists challenge a division.

A SIGNIFICANT ANNOUNCEMENT.

London, July 22nd.
Considerable significance is attached to an announcement made yesterday afternoon that a public dinner will be tendered to Lord Halsbury on Wednesday in recognition of his services and as showing the determination to support him in insisting upon the amendments as the last safeguard of the constitution. Lord Selborne will preside, and will be supported by Lord Salisbury and Mr. Wyndham. Lord Lovat and Lord Willoughby de Broke are acting as organisers for the Lords, and Sir Edward Carson and Mr. F. E. Smith are acting for the Commons.

GOVERNMENT PREPARATIONS.

London, July 22nd.
Several newspapers intimate that the Government intends to postpone consideration of the Lords' amendment for a week and to employ the interval in arranging the formalities for the instantaneous creation of fifty peers, who with the present Government supporters will be sufficient to outvote any peers refusing to accept Lord Lansdowne's advice and persist in resisting. Meanwhile Lord Lansdowne will be asked to guarantee the passing of the original Bill.

TELEGRAMS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

WHAT IS MR. BALFOUR'S REAL MIND?

THREATENED DISRUPTION OF THE UNIONIST PARTY.

London, July 22nd.
Mr. Garvin, editor of *The Observer*, in appealing for a large attendance at the banquet to be given in honour of Lord Halsbury says "no surrender" represents the conviction of the mass of the Unionist party and the majority of the leaders. In the event of surrender the Party will be split up, never to be reconstructed.

The present leadership, he adds, is a grave thing for the Party which is still ignorant of Mr. Balfour's mind.

PEACE, BUT NOT AT ANY PRICE.

A SIGNIFICANT SPEECH BY MR. LLOYD GEORGE.

London, July 22nd.
At the Mansion House banquet given by the Bankers and Merchants, Mr. Lloyd George, in replying to the toast of the prosperity of the public purse, said that peace was the first condition of prosperity, but it was essential for Great Britain to maintain her place and her prestige among the Powers. If a situation were forced upon us in which peace was only preservable by the surrender of the great and beneficent position which Great Britain had won through centuries of heroism and achievement, by allowing Britain to be treated when her interests were affected as if she were of no account in the cabinet of nations, then he said emphatically that peace at the price would be a humiliation which would be intolerable for a great country like ours.

A feature of Mr. Lloyd George's speech according to the papers is that it may be regarded as a warning to Germany in connection with Morocco.

The *Daily Chronicle* states that Mr. Lloyd George read a passage from manuscript with great deliberation which might be taken as embodying the judgment of yesterday's Cabinet meeting and is meant as a word in season in view of the situation arising from Germany's action in Morocco. The *Standard* says the situation is apparently deemed sufficiently serious for the Government to take the first opportunity of expressing its determination to uphold British prestige at all costs.

Berlin telegrams state that Mr. Lloyd George's speech has been received with astonishment in the Press. Official circles refuse to believe the words were addressed to Germany as negotiations with France are proceeding normally.

COLONIAL ESTIMATES.

DEBATE ON EAST AFRICAN AFFAIRS.
London, July 22nd.
During the debate on the Colonial Estimates in the House of Commons Sir Clement Hill urged the adoption of a more liberal Land Ordinance in East Africa.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald denounced the removal of the northern Masai.

The Right Hon. Mr. L. Harcourt, in the course of a lengthy speech, defended the removal of the northern Masai and emphasised the value of the safeguards imposed. He was convinced that their removal was an advantage to the Masai themselves, to other tribes, to the Protectorate itself, and made for good government and the progress of civilisation.

Referring to the acquittal of the Hon. Mr. G. Cole (son of Lord Enniskillen) on a charge of shooting a native, he said if it was found that trial by jury in East Africa led to constant miscarriage of justice, he should consider taking steps to prevent it.

With regard to land tenure in East Africa, Lord Kitchener had thought the terms so good that he had recently become a leaseholder there. Mr. Harcourt contended that the Government, while providing sufficiently for the rapid development of the land system, was securing for itself a fair but small return for the future.

TELEGRAMS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

FRANCE AND SPAIN.

FRICTION RENEWED.

London, July 22nd.
A telegram from Paris states that Lieutenant Thiriet, the French instructor of the Sherifian troops, on entering Alcazar was arrested by a Spanish outpost. He was struck and taken to the Spanish commander, who insulted him and released him.

There has been great friction owing to the Moors belonging to Lieut. Thiriet's force deserting to the Spaniards.

General Silvestre has telegraphed to his Government that Lieut. Thiriet was assaulted by a supposed deserter, who drew a revolver, and boxed the ears of a Spanish corporal who interposed. Thiriet was afterwards conducted to General Silvestre, who refused to hold him prisoner.

BISLEY RIFLE MEETING.

KING'S PRIZE WINNER AND SILVER MEDALLIST.

London, July 22nd.
At Bisley Rifle Meeting Garrod, of Oxford University, won the silver medal in the King's Prize with a score of 193. Corporal Trainor (Canada) was second with 192.

The veteran Sparks of London, has won the St. George's Vase.

Clifford, of Canada, has won the King's Prize with an aggregate score of 319.

BRITISH INSURANCE BILL.

London, July 23rd.
Mr. John Redmond has tabled an amendment to the clause providing for an Insurance Commissioner with a Central Office in Ireland for the collecting of all Irish funds.

"DAILY MAIL" AVIATION PRIZE.

London, July 23rd.
The *Daily Mail* aviation race for a purse of £10,000 was started over a triangular course of 1,070 miles beginning at London, taking in Stirling and Bristol and finishing at London. The conditions provide for compulsory stops at the twelve principal towns along the route, and that the same aeroplane must be used throughout the afternoon.

Intense heat prevailed at the beginning of the race, in which over twenty aviators started on the preliminary stage to Brooklands.

Lieutenant Porte of the British Navy came to grief soon after starting. His machine fell a distance of sixty feet and was wrecked, but the Lieutenant was not hurt.

M. Beaumont was the first to arrive at Hendon, but M. Vedrines, who started after him, completed the distance in the quickest time.

THE KING'S VISIT TO SCOTLAND.

London, July 22nd.
Great crowds gathered in Edinburgh to bid farewell to Their Majesties the King and Queen, on their departure for London.

MR. ASQUITH RECEIVED BY THE KING.

London, July 23rd.
His Majesty the King has returned to London, and Mr. Asquith has been received in audience at Buckingham Palace.

LABOUR TROUBLES IN WALES.

London, July 23rd.
In consequence of the spread of labour troubles in Wales two squadrons of cavalry and a battalion of infantry have been ordered to Bristol.

THE RECIPROCITY BILL.

London, July 23rd.
A message from Washington says that the Senate has passed the Reciprocity Bill in its original form, voting down all amendments. It is believed that President Taft signed the Treaty yesterday.

TELEGRAMS.

THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.

BYE-ELECTIONS.

London, July 22nd.
The bye-election at Luton has resulted as follows:—

Mr. Cecil Harmsworth (L.) ... 7,619
Mr. J. O. Hickman (U.) ... 7,006

Liberal majority 613

LATER.
The bye-election at West Somerset has resulted in the return of Mr. Boles, Unionist, who received 5,025 votes, against 4,621 cast for his opponent, Mr. Ward, Liberal.

AIRMAN'S MIRACULOUS ESCAPE.

London, July 23rd.
At Hendon, while Aviator Kemp was trying a practice flight, the wing of his machine broke and he fell from a great height, and had a miraculous escape.

COUNTY CRICKET.

London, July 22nd.
The match between Hampshire and Worcestershire at Southampton has resulted in a win for the former by an innings and 8 runs.

TEST CRICKET.

London, July 22nd.—
Barnes has accepted the invitation of the M.C.C. to play for England in Australia.

LORD ESHER.

London, July 22nd.
Lord Esher, who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis, has practically recovered.

THE TURF.

London, July 22nd.
The betting for the Stewards' Cup, to be run at Goodwood on Tuesday, is as follows:—

	9 to 1 agst.	Sunningdale.
10 .. 1	Rouney.	
10 .. 1	Runnymede.	
100 .. 9	Borrow.	
100 .. 8	Poor Boy.	
100 .. 7	Mount Felix.	
100 .. 7	Vesta.	

INTERNATIONAL POLO.

London, July 22nd.
The Duke of Westminster has offered to take over to America a team and ponies for the recovery of the Polo Cup and will bear the expense. Hurlingham Club has accepted the offer and decided to issue a challenge for 1912.

"DAILY PRESS" EXCLUSIVE SERVICE.

PRINCE TSAI CHEN.

Peking, July 23rd.
H.I.H. Prince Tsai Chen, who represented the Chinese Court at the Coronation of King George, returned last night.

GERMAN-AIRMAN'S FEAT.

FLIES 341 MILES IN 339 MINUTES.
The aviator Hirth has won the Kathreiner prize of 50,000 marks.

With a passenger he flew on the 20th ult. from Munich to Nuremberg, and continued his journey on the 20th to Leipzig and thence to Berlin, where he arrived safely.

Hirth ascended with his passenger at Munich at 6.25 p.m. on the 20th and landed at Nuremberg at 8.30. He started for Berlin at 4.20 p.m. on the 20th and reached Leipzig about 7. The aviator covered the whole distance from Munich to Berlin, 341 miles, in 339 minutes.

ADMIRAL TOGO AND THE "WORCESTER."

Admiral Togo was the guest of honour at Princes' Restaurant last month at the 18th annual dinner of the Worcester Association.

Replying to the toast of the evening Admiral Togo said:—"Worcester is a name very dear to me and one which I have never for a moment forgotten during the last 30 years. It gives me the greatest pleasure to think that this my second visit to England has enabled me to satisfy my long cherished desire, which is to look once more on the dear old Worcester and meet you all so dear to me. The gentlemen who are here tonight are not necessarily all mutual acquaintances, you are all different ages and different professions, and I, for instance, am of a different nationality, but there is one common bond which joins us all here, and that bond is the Worcester. Seeing you here this evening, I feel as if I were meeting again the friends of my youth, and my mind goes back to the old days when a young man on board the Worcester. I was taught with some of you how to make knots and splices. At the same time my memory recalls to me the form and voice of my old master, Captain Smith. He was to me the kindest of masters and most generous of captains. During our late war he often wrote me kind letters, which were a source of great comfort and encouragement to me, coming as they did from far-off England, which to me is a second mother country."

RANDOM REFLECTIONS.

Though we have had no cyclonic visitation this year it seems as if we could scarcely miss much longer the many that are being generated in the typhoon area. Warnings now come to hand as many as three at a time, and with equally weather and the signals up it is difficult to forget all about the dread typhoon which is in our vicinity.

The fairly large audience which attended the lecture on Christian Science on Thursday was called upon to perform a feat of physical endurance which many decided to attempt. To sit still in a warm hall, with the atmosphere gradually becoming more sultry, and a thirst becoming clamant, was too much to expect from a Hongkong audience, and after the first half hour the departures were numerous. Still, they did not influence the lecturer, who proceeded with his message quite undisturbed and finished what he had to say in his own time.

While departures from the meeting may have been justified by dinner engagements or fatigue, it seemed to me that many who left early were very inconsiderate in the manner of their retiring. Very few of them seemed to think of tiptoeing or moving out quietly. No, their feet went down with Anglo-Saxon firmness and unnecessary noises. Such rudeness is inexcusable and ought not to come from people who consider themselves ladies or gentlemen.

Perhaps I may be allowed another comment while on this subject. I wish to refer to the idea that some folks have that they can ventilate their own ideas at meetings called for a particular purpose. At the meeting on Thursday the lecturer was asked if he would answer questions at the close of his address, and very properly, though with unnecessary abruptness, I thought, he answered in the negative. If folks have any ideas concerning Christian Science, if they wish to combat its teachings, then it is "up to them" to do so, and if they are very keen on the subject they will probably hire a meeting place and give expression to their thoughts. But it is not playing the game to expect people, who go to the expense and trouble of arranging a meeting for the exposition of their tenets, to give opponents a chance of airing their own particular ideas on the subject. In other words, people should not go to a lecture so filled with their own objections that they cannot appreciate what the lecturer has to say. A public meeting is different. So long as order is observed questions may then be legitimately addressed. I have always held the same belief with regard to public meetings at home. A candidate calls a meeting of his supporters. A crowd of the opposition party come in and interrupt and ask the same old questions which have been addressed time and again to candidates in every part of the country. When a public meeting is called and questions are invited, then the speaker is prepared to undergo a heckling, but not otherwise.

The complaint made by a correspondent in the *Daily Press* a few days ago concerning the noise made by the running of the tram is quite justified, but the public grievance on this score is not confined to the limited area defined in the letter. I cannot conceive that in any town in England the authorities would permit a public nuisance of this kind to continue. It is not an unavoidable nuisance, and if it is not remedied by the time the new Law Courts are occupied I tremble to think what may happen to the tramway manager. I recollect an occasion when the Chief Justice threatened to commit the Postmaster-General or a subordinate officer for contempt of Court, for causing a noise in the necessary process of stamping letters within earshot of the Judicial Bench. The threat was not carried out, however, but the Judges are at last avenged on the Postmaster-General, whose sanction in the new Post Office is within a few feet of a very noisy section of the tram line!

The mention of the Post Office reminds me that I have been asked by more than one resident whether the Post Office has discontinued the use of the board which had a place on the front of the old Post Office proclaiming to all and sundry each day the mails that had arrived and the mails expected during the day. Not being able to answer the question myself, I pass it on to the powers that be.

British hospitality receives a high compliment from the Japanese organ published in English, the *Manchurian Daily News*. It remarks that the Japanese who visited Weihaiwei were entertained by Sir James and Lady Lockhart and government officers and their wives "with the true British hospitality that made even the several Japanese ladies of the party feel themselves quite at home." That must have been a triumph.

I am glad to see that the King's Prize has gone this year to a Colonial. The men from the overseas dominions have made a good show in all sport, and no one will begrudge the blue ribbon of marksmen going to Canadian Clifford. I have not heard if any of our Hongkong men entered any of the competitions at Bisley. Captain Lamert would be a worthy representative.

The suggestion that the postage rates by the Siberian route ought to be increased is one of those that are needed occasionally to make us "count our blessings." We grow a little irritable, forgetting that, after all, it is quicker than the route via Suez and that we are getting more than our money's worth, as the service is conducted at a loss. Such a reminder ought to be framed at the Post Office for the benefit of the chronic grumbler who haunts that place.

The thief who attempted to steal the pair of trousers off a sleeping man almost deserved a better fate than seven days' imprisonment. Such cheek is lost in humble callings. He ought to be a financier or a landowner.

The City Hall, I notice, has undergone improvement which will be appreciated by the public. The old wooden stair leading to the gallery has been removed and stairways built of stone now lead up to either side of the gallery. This removes what must have been regarded as a serious source of danger in the event of fire breaking out, two exits now being provided in place of one.

In these days when claims for compensation are advanced for almost any cause, it must be considered remarkable that the Peers whose privileges are about to be curtailed have not thought of making any such claims upon the Government. Men who have spent money, say, on party causes with the promise of a peerage, must consider they have not got their money's worth if they are to be deprived of their privileges in controlling the legislation of the country.

RODERICK RANDOM.

THE OLD POST OFFICE.

We learn that the Government has let the old Post Office to a Chinese, speculator for the sum of \$406 a month. It is the intention of the lessee, we understand, to put in shop fronts, and to build a verandah. We are informed that he has already succeeded in letting the ground floor at rentals amounting in the aggregate to about \$2,000 a month. This will occasion no surprise to those who have the slightest knowledge of the value of shop property in the neighbourhood, but we fancy the announcement that the Government has leased this property for the paltry sum of a little more than \$400 a month will be read with amazement. The Government's reply to public criticism will probably be that the property was let by public tender and that this was the highest offer received; but surely the Government were under no obligation to accept an offer so ridiculously absurd. We understand that the property is leased for two years with the option of renewal.

WATSON'S NEW AERATED WATER FACTORY.

To-day Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., commence the manufacture of their well-known aerated waters in the factory which has been specially built for the purpose beyond Causeway Bay. It is not only a model factory in all respects, but it is, with one or possibly two exceptions, the largest aerated water factory in the world. The very latest labour-saving machinery has been installed for every operation, from bottling to filling and corking, as well as devices for the rapid transport of cases from the machines in the factory to the steam launch. In the new premises, which were designed and erected under the supervision of the firm of Palmer & Turner, architects, Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co. have every facility for meeting the growing demand for these mineral waters of their manufacture which have long enjoyed a high reputation in the East and for the manufacture of their new sparkling mineral water, Pyrie, which is rapidly coming into popular favour.

HONGKONG PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the Hongkong Philharmonic Society was held in the City Hall last week-end, Commanders C. J. Eyres, R.N., presiding.

The President, in proposing the adoption of the report and accounts, stated that the affairs of the Society were in a satisfactory condition, which was largely due to the individual efforts of a few members. He referred to the great loss the Society suffered in the departure of Sir Henry May, and was of opinion that every new resident who possessed musical talents should be invited to join.

The motion, on being seconded and put to the meeting, was carried unanimously.

Mr. E. Marshall Wood (Secretary) proposed that a distinction should be drawn between active and non-active members.

Mr. F. C. Barlow seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

The retiring members of committee were re-elected, and the names of Messrs. Ralph, F. Austin, J. W. White and H. F. Campbell were added to that body.

Votes of thanks to the retiring officers, the President and Mr. Denman Fuller concluded the meeting.

CONSULS-GENERAL AND CONSULS IN CHINA.

The King has been pleased to appoint—

Mr. William Henry Wilkinson to be His Majesty's Consul-General for the Consular District of Mukden, to reside at Mukden;

Mr. Richard Howard Mortimore to be His Majesty's Consul-General for the Consular District of Chengtu, to reside at Chengtu;

Mr. Harry Hulton Fox to be His Majesty's Consul for the Consular District of Chefoo, to reside at Chefoo;

Mr. Berthold George Tours to be His Majesty's Consul for the Consular District of Wuhu, to reside at Wuhu;

Mr. John Langford Smith to be His Majesty's Consul for the Consular District of Tengyueh, to reside at Tengyueh; and

Mr. Harold Porter to be one of His Majesty's Vice-Consuls in China (all to date May 25).

CANTON.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

July 22nd.

REVOLUTIONARY ALARMS.

The most astounding tales are in circulation just at present regarding a rebellion to take place during the sixth intercalary moon. According to these rumours the heads of the rebels have at their disposal a force of no less than forty thousand men who are at present in hiding in various provinces and districts. On the signal for revolt being given one body will attack Lung Chow from Yuet Nam, another will attack Chiu Chow from Formosa, while a third will attack the Heung Shan District from Macao. Even more improbable is the statement that the rebels are being backed up by "a certain Power" who has promised the aid of warships should the first actions of the rebels meet with any success. Many persons are sending their families out of Canton in fear of such a rising, and there is a vague sensation of unrest throughout the whole city. One of the leading newspapers here comments on these rumours and strongly denies that there is any truth in them. The paper urges the populace to remain calm and to place full confidence in the Government. How much credence is to be placed in these rumours it is impossible to say, but it would seem certain that the revolutionists were in no means disheartened by the fiasco of a few months ago.

July 21st.

DISBANDED SOLDIERS.

Some time ago, over four hundred time-expired soldiers were sent home to their native villages. Most of these men are natives of the Ku Chiu Prefecture and other districts along the North River. It is now said that hardly a man of this number has been able to find work in his own place and that the majority of them have found their way back to this city in the hope of finding employment, here. It is significant that very few of this number have re-enlisted, although when they were disbanded the Government gave them every facility to join on for a second term of service.

PUNISHING OFFICIALS.

In the country places of the Nam Hoi and Pan Yu Districts there has been a great deal of gambling going on lately and the law has been outraged so flagrantly that several of the better class people have petitioned the Viceroy to enquire into the matter. This has been done, and the deputy employed reports to His Excellency that the state of things is even worse than was stated in the petition. The Viceroy has therefore caused the Magistrates of these two districts to be severely reprimanded and has given each a black mark as punishment.

GAMBLING AT MACAO.

It is reported here that acting under directions from the Walupu, the Chief Law Commissioner at Peking has held a conference with the Portuguese Minister relative to the gambling carried on at Macao. The Canton Self-Government Society, being encouraged by this news, thinks it time they should make a move in the matter, and they have invited the citizens to attend a general meeting to be held on the 29th day of this moon. At the meeting suggestions for the best way to suppress gambling at Macao will be called for, and these will be embodied in a document to be sent to the capital.

A TERRIBLE OCCURRENCE.

A crime has just been committed in the Shun Tak District that puts in the shade all previous crimes committed in that turbulent locality. A few days ago the officer in charge of the troops employed in clearing out bad characters came to the Chung Chong village, and had an interview with the chief elder, a man named Lo Yik Kung. The officer demanded the names of all the bad characters in the village, and Lo gave the names of about twenty. After a time the officer went away, and it was not long before the whole village knew of what had transpired. At about 9 p.m. when Lo was sitting reading a large number of men burst into the house and seized the unfortunate man. He at once saw that they were a band of the worst characters in the place, so he offered them \$1,000 dollars if they would not molest him. They rejected his offer, and even when he promised them ten times the sum they would not let him go, but said they would kill him. He then saw that his doom was sealed and begged that they would allow him to commit suicide by taking opium. This they also refused, and then they bound him hand and foot and carried him outside the village. Here the wretched man was stripped and bound to a tree and the miscreants hacked his body into a hundred pieces with knives. If such atrocities are perpetrated on those who assist the government, it is no wonder that the authorities find the work of clearing out these banditti so difficult.

A QUEER REFORMATORY.

Some time ago there was established in the Nam Hoi District a Reformatory, where first offenders were sent to learn a useful trade. The trades chosen were cloth weaving and the manufacture of those little towels with which the Chinese so love to use to wipe their faces. From time to time the Nam Hoi Magistrate complained that there were no efficient persons to teach these industries nor money to carry on the good work of the institution. Hence it has happened that the place has degenerated into an ordinary Chinese gaol, where the prisoners simply "sit" (to use a native idiom) until their sentence has expired. It is to be hoped that the Government will take this matter in hand and assist this reformatory, for there is no doubt that such an institution has an almost unlimited opportunity for doing good and useful work.

MORE ROBBERIES.

The Magistrate of the Kwongtung District has telegraphed to the Viceroy asking for additional soldiers, arms and ammunition to be sent without delay, as the robbers in the district are at present beyond his control. The gentry of the place have raised a militia force of one hundred men and have petitioned the Viceroy to provide them with rifles and ammunition. The Viceroy has ordered a body of troops to proceed to the troubled district at once and has instructed the head of the Arsenal to send the rifles and ammunition as requested.

A WISE ORDER.

It has come to the ears of the Viceroy that in the operations against bad characters when these are captured instead of being handed over to the civil authorities at once they are often kept for days and even weeks in the military camps. In many cases the soldiers have been bribed or intimidated into letting the prisoners escape, and so the ends of justice are defeated. The Viceroy has now issued an order that on no account whatever is a prisoner to be kept in the camps, but to be handed over to the civil authorities within three days at latest.

SMUGGLING.

A great deal of arms and ammunition has lately been smuggled into the province, and it has transpired that a lot of this comes into the country through the little ports near Kwong-chun Wan. The authorities have therefore ordered the Chief of the Likin Stations in this district (Shin Tong) to keep a sharp look out on all vessels both leaving and entering these ports. Vessels bound for Canton are to be specially watched.

THE PLAGUE.

According to the report sent by the Chief of Police, 64 persons died of plague in the city during the last 10 days. This shows a considerable decrease, as during the previous 10 days no less than 86 died. It is to be very much doubted, however, if these statistics are much to be relied upon, as the people do not like the police or any other branch of the government to interfere with their private affairs. As a matter of fact, there is stated to be quite a great deal of sickness in the City, and these who have to daily traverse the crowded narrow streets with their hot and stifled air wonder how otherwise can be the case. One feature of the streets just now is the large number of unhealthy looking children suffering from various skin diseases. This is especially noticeable in Hunan, where crowds of these children are employed in the silk and ginger mills.

MUTUAL DEFENCE.

News comes from the Shin Yi District that the robbers of that locality have been more than ordinarily busy and that persons are living in fear of their lives. So serious is the state of affairs that the District Magistrate has called upon the inhabitants of the largest villages to form guards for their protection. Twenty men for this purpose are to be maintained in each village, while walls are to be repaired and gates erected as a means of keeping the marauders at bay. It is such incidents as this that show that the arm of the law possesses very little strength outside the precincts of this city. The Viceroy is making great efforts to clear the bad characters from the country places, but it is no easy task. Not only is their name legion, but they are often protected from the authorities by the so-called gentry and village elders, who, unless report greatly slanders them, are often in league with the law breakers. The peculiar clan system that exists in this Province is also a stumbling block in the way of justice.

THE VOLUNTEER CORONATION CONTINGENT.

The Hongkong contingent along with the other Colonial troops visited Buckingham Palace on Friday, June 30th, and received medals from the King to commemorate the Coronation of His Majesty.

THE HIPPODROME CIRCUS.

MIDDLEWEIGHT BOXING CHAMPIONSHIP.

Judging by the large attendance at the Circus on Saturday night, the popularity of this combination would appear to be on the increase. Saturday's performance went with even a better swing than usual, and the applause of the well-filled tent was sustained from beginning to end. To many the attraction was the final in the boxing contest for middleweight honours between Corporal Scorton of the KOYLI and Seaman Torvey of Submarine 37. Both men were new to the sport in Hongkong, and the fact that they worked their way into the final of the competition gave promise of a stirring six rounds for the prize presented by the proprietors of the Circus. But those who went to see the match were disappointed. Scorton apparently respected his opponent too much to come to close quarters, and Torvey found it difficult to get at the Corporal, who either mothered, or footed it round the ring. Such was the state of affairs for two rounds. In the third, and last the men had just come out of a clinch near the sailor's corner when time was called. Just then Torvey had a blow under way, and it struck after the time-keeper's shout. Scorton then apparently lost his head, for while the seaman's hands were by his sides and as he was about to return to his chair, the soldier dealt him a heavy blow on the groin, which sent the sailor down. The referee very properly declared Torvey the winner. Torvey was challenged by Gunner Kingsland, and notwithstanding the heavier weight of the latter, he is willing to meet him in a ten round bout. He is also anxious to again try conclusions with Scorton.

THE LATE MR. P. EDULJI KHAMBATTA.

The funeral of the late Mr. P. Edulji Khambatta took place at the Happy Valley on Friday afternoon after due performance of Zoroastrian rites and ceremonies. The community showed their profound respect for the deceased by attending in large numbers.

A correspondent sends us the following account of Mr. Edulji's career:—

Mr. P. Edulji was born in Bombay on the 28th May, 1832, so that he was just nearing the age of eighty years when death called upon him. During his school and college career he had greatly distinguished himself, and in the only fifth had the honour of being a West Scholar of the Elphinstone Institution of Bombay, which in later years developed into the present Elphinstone School and the Elphinstone College. After completing his College education, Mr. Khambatta joined one of the many educational institutions in Bombay as a class teacher, while for many years he continued to work as a private tutor to several rich Parsee families. One of the Headsman of these, appreciating his high qualities, sent him to China as an assistant in his branch office. Many anecdotes the deceased used to relate of his early adventures when the voyage from India to China had to be undertaken and accomplished in the old ships of these days. He left Bombay on June 30th, 1856, in a ship which reached Whampoa on August 16th, 1856. For some time he worked as an assistant to the Parsee firm established at Whampoa in those days. Later on, when Hongkong was first established and the business sphere of activity was transferred, the deceased gentleman came over to this Colony, and for a number of years was an assistant in the local P. & O. Co.'s office. Later on he joined the now defunct firm of Messrs. Tata & Co., and was for some time manager of their local branch. Having acquired sufficient knowledge of the custom and yarn market, the deceased worked in an independent capacity as a broker in this business with several well established firms, notably Messrs. K. B. Pabney, Cawaji Pallonji & Co., and others. It was during his early career in this Colony that the deceased left for his home in India. But from the period of his establishing himself as a yarn and cotton broker, he had never been to Bombay for a period of nearly one decade. His community was deservedly regarded by the community as a great scholar, and was known for his shrewd business capacity and independent expression of his views. The late Sir H. N. Mody, Kt., greatly admired the deceased, and the two were great and fast friends for a number of years. During recent years, however, the deceased had lived a very retired life. At one time the deceased was a Trustee and Secretary of the Zoroastrian Trust Fund. He had no male issue; a widowed daughter and her family in Bombay are left to mourn his loss.

TOKYO STOCK EXCHANGE.

TOO MUCH OFFICIAL CONTROL.

[BY "THE TIMES" CORRESPONDENT.]

TOKYO, June 5.

An incident which has just occurred in connection with the Tokyo Stock Exchange is at once interesting and instructive. Transactions on "Charge" are managed in Japan much as they are managed elsewhere. A man may buy or sell for delivery at the end of the current month, or of the next month, or of the month after the latter. Three months is the limit for time bargains, and during that interval the buyer or the seller must keep the transaction marvined. Moreover, delivery need not be taken actually. The shares may be re-bought or re-sold at any moment before the date matures, in which case the transaction becomes one of margin only. As a matter of fact, fully 50 per cent. of the operations on the Tokyo Stock Exchange are of this character. The shares themselves are never called into tangible existence. Some years ago the Government, alarmed at the prevalence of a gambling spirit such as these statistics displayed, suddenly issued an order restricting to one month the period for time bargains. The effect upon the Exchange was disastrous. Prices fell with ruinous rapidity, and the end of the arbitrary and haphazard trading was that the very day had to be cancelled and the official chiefly responsible lost his post.

There are also "spot" transactions. These are conducted on the theory of immediate delivery. But it is only a theory. Certain intervals have always been allowed in practice, and that interval is fixed at five days. Within five days, however, re-selling or re-buying is also possible, and since in the case of "spot" transactions no margin has to be put up, while at the same time the brokerage is comparatively small, such re-purchases or re-sales steadily grow in volume until they come to represent some 20 per cent. of the total operations of the Exchange. Then again officialdom fell into a state of trepidation, and a Departmental Ordinance appeared, like a bolt from the blue, interdicting all spot transactions unless the scrip was actually delivered. Something like a panic ensued, and although a week has elapsed since the issue of the Ordinance, confidence is not yet restored. No one denies that the existing system has been abused or that some remedy is advisable. But people are asking why officialdom behaved so precipitately and why counsel was not taken with those directly concerned. Why should a period of five days be considered illegal for a time bargain if any other period up to three months is legal? And what security is there that the authorities will not step in again with some crippling veto in another direction? The fact is that Japan's institutions are in some respects more advanced than her commercial morality. She has a stock Exchange modelled after the best designs, but she is deficient in the personnel necessary to operate them. In Japan the brokers themselves correct abuses which threaten to disturb their business. In Japan the brokers lean upon the Government so that their capacity of self-help is impaired. But it happens to find immediate illustration in this Stock Exchange incident. Japan would do better if her business men learned to be more independent and if her officials educated that independence by relying on it.

THE SULTAN OF KEDAH, K.C.M.G.

The "Court Circular" recently contained the following announcement:—
The King this morning received the Sultan of Kedah, and conferred upon him the insignia of a Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George. Kedah is a British-protected State situated on the western side of the Malay Peninsula. It has an estimated population of 150,000 and an area of 3,000 square miles.
The Sultan, who succeeded in 1881, is assisted by a British Adviser, who has a seat on the Council.

THE PESCADORE ISLANDS.

Writing on the Pescadore Islands a correspondent of the *Japan Chronicle* says:—
Were it not for the geographical position of the Pescadore Islands would be valuable to any Government, but situated where they are they occupy a magnificent strategic position. They are hard rocks and dry sand. They produce no crops and can hardly support any life, but they form the key to many doors in the Far East. They are less than a day's steaming from Swatow, Amoy, Foochow and other important ports of South China. Little more than a day will take a fleet to the Philippines or Hongkong, and Formosa, which of course cannot be held by any enemy till the Pescadores are first captured. For many years China held the Pescadores and understood their value, but was unable to take advantage of them. In 1884 the French took the islands and blockaded Formosa. The graves of Admiral Courbet and others are still testify to the number of French victims who died of cholera at that time. Then in 1894 the Japanese captured the Pescadores. Laying harbours with splendid anchorages for a fleet of any size, and situated in such a central position, go to make the Pescadores a naval base of very first rank. The Japanese are fully alive to their value, and an enemy would think twice before attacking them in this strong hold, bristling with forts. Needless to say, the islands are connected with Formosa and the outside world by cable and also now by wireless telegraphy. Steamers of the Onaka Steamship Company call about a dozen times each month, affording direct and good communication with Formosa and Japan. Formerly these islands were the terror of mariners, now every night strong lights flash out from splendid lighthouses. Coal of an inferior quality is found on one of the islands.

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TIJIMARI	—	—	JAVA	First half of Aug.
TIJIKINI	JAVA	First half of Aug.	JAPAN	First half of Aug.
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The P. M. S. S. Co. str. *Persia* is due to
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The P. M. S. S. Co. str. *Korea* sailed from
San Francisco on the 5th inst. for Hongkong,
via Honolulu, Yokohama, Kobe, Nagasaki and
Shanghai, and is due to arrive at Hongkong on the
1st prox.
The N.Y.K. str. *Tango Maru* (European
Line) left Colombo for this port via Singapore
on the 20th inst., and is expected here on the
2nd prox.
The T.K.K. str. *Nippon Maru*, sailed from
San Francisco on the 12th inst., and is due to
arrive at Hongkong on about the 8th prox.

THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.
The E. & A. str. *St. Albans* from Sydney, &c.,
left Port Darwin on the 17th inst. for this port
via Timor and Manila.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.
The C.P.R. Co. str. *Empress of China* left
Vancouver, B.C., for Hongkong (via usual ports
of call) on the 14th instant p.m.

THE GERMAN MAIL.
The I.G.M. str. *Klein*, carrying the German
Mails with dates from Berlin of the 28th ult.,
left Singapore on the 22nd inst., at 3 a.m., and
may be expected here on or about the 26th inst.,
at 6 a.m.

THE JAPANESE MAIL.
The Japanese str. *Kanamaru* left Moji on the
18th inst. for this port, and is due to arrive
here to-day.

The H.A. Line str. *Ambria* left Singapore
on the 20th instant p.m. and may be expected
here on or about the 26th instant p.m.

The N.Y.K. str. *Yamato Maru* (Australian
Line) left Thursday Island for this port via
Manila on the 20th inst., and is expected here
on the 31st inst.

The N.Y.K. str. *Nippon Maru* (European
Line) left Yokohama for this port via usual
ports on the 19th inst., and is expected here on
the 31st inst.

The T.K.K. str. *Kyo Maru* arrived at Yokohama
on the 13th inst. from South America,
and is due to arrive at Hongkong on or about
1st prox.

The str. *Stentur* passed the Suez Canal on the
4th inst., and is due here on or about the
1st prox.

The N.Y.K. str. *Hakata Maru* (Bomby
Line) left Bombay for this port via ports on the
14th inst., and is expected here on the 1st prox.

The Olof Wijk & Co. str. *Yeddo* left Port
Said on the 6th inst., and is expected here on
or about the 3rd prox.

The Rother Line str. *Salsuma* left New York
on the 10th ult. for Hongkong and Far East.

The Mogul Line str. *Braemar* left United
Kingdom on the 30th ult. for Hongkong via the
Suez.

The T.K.K. str. *Bayu Maru* sailed from Val-
paraiso for Hongkong on the 10th inst., and is
due to arrive at Hongkong on about the 29th
September.

The O.S.R. str. *Panama Maru* left Tacoma
for this port via Japan and Shanghai on the
1st inst., and is due here on or about the 10th
prox.

The I.G.M. str. *Princess Alice* left Shanghai
via Poonhow on the 22nd inst., at 2 a.m., and
may be expected here tomorrow at 4 p.m.

The P. & O. S. N. Co. str. *Socotra* left
Singapore for this port on the 22nd inst., at
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SOME STORIES OF THE LATE
KING LEOPOLD.

From an article of great personal interest
which Mr. Xavier de Boel contributes to this
month's *Contemporary Review*, on the late
King of the Belgians, we take the following
paragraphs—

"I am bound to admit that the King spared
neither time nor energy when he scented what
he called a 'capital stroke of business.' I can
still see him, one afternoon, leaving M.
Waldock-Rousseau's villa at the Cap d'Antibes,
near Cannes, where he had gone to pay the
Prime Minister a visit, and perceiving, on
the road leading to the station, a magnificent
valley in park that looked as if it were abandoned.
"Who owns that property?" he asked suddenly.
"An Englishman, sir, who never comes near
it."
"We have time to look over it," said the
King, "before the train leaves for Nice. Some-
body took the garden?"

The gardener was not to be found, but the
gate was open. Leopold II. walked in, without
hesitation, followed by Baron Suzy, my colleague,
M. Olivi, and myself, hurried along the
deserted paths and praised the beauty of the
vegetation; but when it became time to go we
discovered to our dismay that someone
had looked the gate while we were inside.
There was no key, no possibility of opening it.
We called and shouted in vain. Nobody
appeared. The train was due before long; the
King began to grow impatient. What were
we to do? Olivi had a flash of genius. He
ran to a shed, the roof of which showed above
the nearest thicket, and returned with a ladder.
"If your Majesty does not mind, you will be
able to get over the wall."

The King accepted impassively, and the
agent began. Baron Suzy went first, then I,
and the King, in his turn, climbed the steps,
supported by Olivi. Baron Suzy and I, propped
upon the top of the wall, hoisted the King
upon the top of the wall, and after us. We were
then a dreadful thing happened: the ladder
swayed and fell! There we were, all four of us,
striding the wall, swinging our legs without any
means of getting down on the other side.
"We look like burglars," said the King, with
a forced laugh.

There was nothing for it but to jump. The
distance from the top of the wall to the slope
below the road was not great; and Baron Suzy,
Olivi, and I succeeded in falling on our feet
without much difficulty. The King, however,
who landed in one leg and looked agitated, could
not think of it.
Then Olivi, who certainly proved himself a
most resourceful man that day, solved the
problem. He suggested that the King should
climb down upon our shoulders. The King,
accordingly, let himself slide on to the shoulders
of Baron Suzy, who passed him on to Olivi's
back, while I caught hold of his long legs and
deposited his huge feet safely on the ground!

Some years later, seeing Olivi at the station
at Nice, "I remember you, M. Olivi," said Leopold
II. "You took part in our great gymnastic
display at Antibes."

"I did, sir."

"Well, do you know, M. Olivi, there is no
need for me to climb the wall now? I have the
key; the property is mine."

He was a sceptic to the verge of indifference,
and yet entertained odd antipathies and aversions.
For instance, he hated the piano, and was
terrified of a cold in the head. Whenever
he had to select a new side-decamp, he always
began by asking two questions:

"Do you play the piano? Do you catch cold
easily?"

If the officer replied in the negative the
King said:

"That's all right," and the side-decamp was
appointed; but if b. ill-luck the poor fellow re-
turned an evasive answer, his fate was doomed:
he went straight back to his regiment.

This inexplicable dread of the cornea
had attained such proportions that during
the last years of the King's
life, the people about him—including the ladies
discovered a simple and ingenious expedient
for obtaining a day's leave when they wanted it:
they simply sneezed without stopping. At the
third explosion, the old sovereign gave a suspi-
cious look at the sneezer and said:

"I shan't want you to-day."
And the trick was done.

He had idiosyncrasies, like most mortals. For
instance, he used to have four buckets of sea-
water dashed over his body every morning, by way
of a bath; he expected partridges to be served at
his meals all the year round; and he had his news-
papers ironed like pocket-handkerchiefs before
reading them; he could not endure anything
like a fold or crease in them. Lastly, when ad-
dressed in the servants, he always spoke of himself
in the third person. Thus he would say to his
chevifur, "Wait for him," instead of "Wait
for me." Those new to his service, who had
not been warned, were puzzled to know to what
mysterious person he referred.

We did our best to prevent his seeing the
satirical drawings in which he figured in
attitudes unbecoming the dignity of a king;
but we did not always succeed. Fortunately,
his sense of humour exceeded any grudge
which he may have felt. Remembering
that he was possessed of an astonishing
double in the person of an old Parisian called
M. Mabille, he never failed to exclaim, when by
some unlucky chance his eyes fell upon a caricature
of his Royal features:

"There, they're tearing that unfortunate M.
Mabille again! And how like me he is! Lord,
how like me he is!"

One evening, at a reception which the King
was giving, to the local authorities in his chalet
at Ostend, the venerable rector of the pa-
came up to him with an air of concern, and,
drawing him respectfully aside, said:

"Sir, I feel profoundly grieved. There is
a rumour, I am sorry to say that your
Majesty's private life is not marked by the
austerity suited to the lofty and difficult
task which the Lord has laid upon the monarchs
of this earth. Remember, sir, that it be-
longs to us to set an example to their subjects."

And the worthy rector, taking courage from
the fact that he had known Leopold II. for
thirty years, reached him a long sermon. The
poor old man, who had listened to the
hemlock with a will, and a muscle. When,
at last, the priest had exhausted his eloquence,
"What a funny thing, monsieur, is curé!"
murmured the King, fixing him with that cold
glance of his, from under his wrinkled eyelids.
"Do you know, people have told me exactly the
same thing about you?" Only, I re-
fused to believe it, you know!"

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WEATHER REPORT.

On the 22nd at 6.05 p.m.—The depression to
the Southwest of Hongkong appears to be
almost stationary.

On the 23rd at 11.05 a.m.—The barometer
continues to fall slowly at the stations border-
ing the China Sea.

Practically no change of position can be
detected in the depression to Southwest of
Hongkong, but it is probably becoming deeper.

The typhoon over the Pacific is situated far
to the South-east of the Loochuos. It con-
tinues to move towards N.W. The barometer
has ceased to fall at the B-mus, while it con-
tinues to do so at the Loochuos.

Pressure remains high over the Pacific to the
N.E. of Japan.

Strong N.E. and E. winds may be expected
over the northern shores of the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending
at 10 a.m., to-day, 0.00 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon
to-day is as follows—

DISTRICT FORECAST.
Hongkong & Neighbourhood: E. winds, fresh;
fair, equally.

Formosa Channel: E. winds, moder-
ate.

South coast of China between:
Hongkong and Loochuos: Same as No. 1.

South coast of China between:
Hongkong and Hainan: fresh.

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL
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July 23rd.—AT A.M.

Naha	29.65	S	0	
Ishijima	29.64	NE	1	
Bonin Is.	29.63	NE	1	
Chifu	6 a.			
Weihaiwei	9 a. 29.69 75	SSW	3	om
Hankow	9 a.			
Kiukiang				
Shanghai	9 a. 29.65 85	76	SE	1
Gutzlaff	29.65 79	87	SE	1
Sharp Pk	29.66 81	87	SE	1
Amoy	5 a. 29.67	79	NE	1
Swatow	6 a. 29.67	71	NE	1
Taihook	29.66 77	91	E	2
Taiet u.	29.60			2
Tsinan	29.62		SW	2
Koshun	29.62			2
Pescadores	29.62		N	4
Canton	9 a. 29.62 83	71	SE	2
Hongkong	10 a. 29.63 83	70	ENE	4
Viet. Frank	29.63 83			3
Gap Rock	29.57		E	2
Manila	29.66 8		NE	2
Yokohama	9 a.			
Holbo				
Pakhoi				
Phu Lien	8 a. 29.61 97		NE	3
Tourane	29.62 87			3
C. St. James	29.77		SW	4
Apurri	6 a. 29.56 77		W	0
Manila	10 a. 29.69 79	84	SW	3
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Buenos	9 a.		SW	2
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SHANGHAI	DEVANHA Capt. H. Powell, R.N.R.	About 3rd Aug.	Freight and Passage.
LONDON via USUAL PORTS OF CALL	DELHI Capt. H. S. Bradshaw, R.N.R.	Noon 5th Aug.	See Special Advertisement.
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	SARDINIA Capt. C. C. Talbot, R.N.R.	About 10th Aug.	Freight and Passage.

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Hongkong, 24th July, 1911.

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FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
MANILA, CEBU and LOILO	"TEAN"	On 25th July 4 P.M.
HAIPHONG	"SINGAN"	On 27th July, 10 A.M.
SHANGHAI	"LINAN"	On 27th July, 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"CHINHUA"	On 29th July, 11 P.M.
WEIHAIWEI and TIENTSIN	"HUICHOW"	On 1st Aug., 4 P.M.

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S.S. ALESIA	31st Aug.
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S.S. SUEVIA	6th Sept.
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FOR ROTTERDAM and HAMBURG:	S.S. SEGOVIA	12th Aug.
FOR HAVRE, HAMBURG and ANTWERP:	S.S. SAXONIA	17th Aug.
FOR ROTTERDAM, HAVRE and HAMBURG:	S.S. SILESIA	21st Aug.
FOR ROTTERDAM and HAMBURG:	S.S. BRISGAVIA	23rd Aug.

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(Occupying 9 to 10 Days).

STEAMSHIP	CAPTAIN	LEAVING.
"HAIYANG"	Capt. J. W. Evans	TUESDAY, 25th July, at 1 P.M.
"HAITAN"	Capt. J. S. Roach	FRIDAY, 28th July, at 1 P.M.

FOR SWATOW AND RETURN.

(Occupying 3 Days).

"HAIMUN"	Capt. A. H. Stewart	WEDNESDAY, 26th July, at 1 P.M.
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During the Months of July and August, RETURN TICKETS available for Three Months will be issued at a Reduction of 20 per cent. on the usual Rate to Foochow. Steamers will arrive at and Depart from the Company's Wharf (near Blake Pier). For Freight and Passage, apply to—

DOUGLAS, LAPRAIK & Co.,
GENERAL MANAGERS.

Hongkong, 21st July, 1911.

INDO-CHINA S. NAV. CO., LD.

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION)

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI	"HANGSANG"	Monday, 24th July 4 P.M.
TIENTSIN, SWATOW, TUNGTAU and WEIHAIWEI & CHEFOO	"CHEONGSHING"	Wed. day, 26th July, 4 P.M.
MANILA	"LOONGSANG"	Saturday, 29th July 2 P.M.
MANILA	"YUENSANG"	Saturday, 5th Aug. 2 P.M.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"KUISANG"	Tuesday, 8th Aug. Noon.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & MOJI	"FOOKSANG"	Tuesday, 8th Aug. Noon.

RETURN TOURS TO JAPAN

(OCCUPYING 24 DAYS).

The Steamers "KUISANG," "NAMSANG" and "FOOKSANG" leave about every 3 weeks for Shanghai and returning via Kobe (Inland Sea) and Yeu to Japan. These vessels have all modern improvements and are fitted throughout with Electric Light. A daily qualified surgeon is also carried.

Steamers have superior accommodation for First Class Passengers and are fitted throughout with Electric Light.

Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to Yangtze Ports, Tientsin, Weihaiwei, Chefoo, Tientsin & Newchwang.

Telephone No. 215, Sub. Exch. 4.

For Freight or Passage, apply to—

JARDINE MATHESON & Co., LTD.,
GENERAL MANAGERS.

Hongkong, 24th July, 1911.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

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SAN FRANCISCO LINE.

Connecting with the WESTERN PACIFIC RAILWAY at SAN FRANCISCO to all Points in the UNITED STATES and CANADA and with TRANS-ATLANTIC LINES for EUROPE.

STEAMERS	TONS	CAPTAIN	DATE OF SAILING
TENYO MARU	21,000	E. Bent	FRIDAY, July 23rd, Noon.
NIPPON MARU	11,000	H. S. Smith	FRIDAY, Aug. 18th, Noon.
CHIYO MARU	21,000	W. W. Stevens	FRIDAY, Sept. 14th, Noon.
AMERICA MARU	11,000	A. G. Stevens	FRIDAY, Oct. 6th, Noon.

All Steamers are equipped with the Japanese Government Wireless Telegraph and Post Office. THE Twin Screw Steamer "TENYO MARU" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on FRIDAY, 23rd July, at Noon.

SOUTH AMERICAN LINE.

(In Connection with NATIONAL RAILWAY OF MEXICO at MANZANILLO). Only Regular Direct Service to MEXICAN, PERUVIAN and CHILIAN PORTS.

STEAMER	TONS	CAPTAIN	DATE OF SAILING
KIYO MARU	17,500	S. Togo	TUESDAY, Aug. 15th, Noon.
BUYO MARU	10,500	K. Hoshino	SATURDAY, Oct. 14th, Noon.
HONGKONG MARU	11,000	H. Hinojuna	WED. DAY, Dec. 13th, Noon.

THE Steamer "KIYO MARU" will be despatched hence for MEXICAN, PERUVIAN and CHILIAN PORTS via MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on TUESDAY, 15th August, at Noon.

FARES FROM HONGKONG,	
TO SAN FRANCISCO	\$ 45-0-0, Single
TO NEW YORK	2, 60-0-0
TO LONDON	\$ 71-10-0
TO LONDON, RETURN, 6 Months	\$ 120-0-0
TO LONDON, RETURN, 1 Year	\$ 125-0-0
SALINA CRUZ or MANZANILLO	Yen. 420-00, Single
VALPARAISO	Yen. 570-00

SPECIAL RATES (First Class Only) are granted to the undermentioned and their families when travelling at their own expense:—

TO EUROPEAN PORTS.—Officials of any European Naval, Military, Diplomatic, Consular or Civil Services located in Asia, European Officials in the Service of the Government of China and Japan.

TO CANADIAN and UNITED STATES PORTS.—Commissioned Officers of the United States Army, Navy, and U.S.A. Consular Officials stationed at Ports of Call.

TO ALL PORTS.—Missionaries and their families.

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Through Bills of Lading issued to North, Central and South American Ports. For Further Particulars as to Passage and Freight, apply to

K. MATSUDA, LOCAL MANAGER,
King's Building (Opposite Blake Pier).

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OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA.

REGULAR SERVICES, PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(Subject to Alteration).

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FOR	STEAMERS	Tons (Gross reg.)	LEAVES.
VICTORIA, B.C. & TACOMA via KEELUNG, NAGASAKI, Kobe, Yokohama, SHIMIZU and YOKOHAMA	"TACOMA MARU"	6,178	WED. DAY, 9th Aug. at 11 A.M.
	"SEATTLE MARU"	6,182	WED. DAY, 6th Sept., at 11 A.M.
VICTORIA, B.C. & TACOMA via KEELUNG, SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, SHIMIZU and YOKOHAMA	"CANADA MARU"	6,063	TUESDAY, 25th July, at 11 A.M.
	"PANAMA MARU"	6,059	TUESDAY, 22nd Aug., at 11 A.M.

The Co.'s Newly Built Steamers have fair speed. Superior accommodation for steerage. Passengers situated AMIDSHIP. A limited number of Cabin Passengers carried at Low Rates. Best adapted rooms for carrying Silk, Treasure and Parcels. Special attention given towards Express connection.

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FOR	STEAMERS	LEAVES.
TAMSUI via SWATOW and AMOY	"DALIN MARU"	MONDAY, 24th July, at 4 P.M.
ANPING via SWATOW and AMOY	"SOSHU MARU"	WED. DAY, 26th July, at 10 A.M.

During the two months of July and August, Return Tickets to Foochow available Three Months will be issued at the Special Rates of:—

1st CLASS	\$45.50
2nd CLASS	\$29.90.

For information of Freight, Passage, Sailings, etc., apply at the Co.'s Local Branch Office, at Second Floor, No. 1, Queen's Buildings

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MANAGER

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STEAMERS	Tons	SAILING DATES
KOREA	18,000	FRIDAY, 11th Aug., at 1 P.M.
SIBERIA	18,000	FRIDAY, 26th Aug., at 1 P.M.
MANCHURIA	27,000	FRIDAY, 8th Sept., at 1 P.M.
MONGOLIA	27,000	SATURDAY, 30th Sept., at 1 P.M.
KOREA	18,000	SATURDAY, 28th Oct., at 1 P.M.
SIBERIA	18,000	FRIDAY, 10th Nov., at 1 P.M.
MANCHURIA	27,000	SATURDAY, 25th Nov., at 1 P.M.
MONGOLIA	27,000	SATURDAY, 16th Dec., at 1 P.M.

All Steamers are Equipped with Wireless Telegraphy. THE P.M. S.S. "KOREA" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on FRIDAY, 11th August, at 1 P.M.

FARES: HONGKONG TO LONDON £71 10s. 0d. RETURN, SIX MONTHS, £120; 24 MONTHS, £125; INCLUDING BERTH AND MEALS ACROSS AMERICA.

SPECIAL RATES (First Class Only) Granted upon Application. To European Points: Officials of any European Naval, Military, Diplomatic, Consular and/or Civil Services located in Asia, to European Officials in the Service of the Government of China and Japan. To United States Points: Commissioned Officers of the United States Army, Navy, U.S.P.H. & M.H. Services, U.S. Consul Generals, Consuls and Vice-Consuls stationed at Ports of Call. To United States and Canadian Points: Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Consular Officials of the Governments of China and Japan. These Special Rates apply when travelling at their own expense and to their families. To all points:—Missionaries and their families.

INTERMEDIATE SERVICE.

PERSIA 9,000 Tons FRIDAY, 4th Aug., at 11 A.M.
CHINA 10,200 Tons FRIDAY, 1st Sept., at 1 P.M.

THE S.S. "PERSIA" will leave for SAN FRANCISCO via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on FRIDAY, 4th August, at 11 A.M.

On the Fine Mail Steamers, CHINA and PERSIA First Class.

SALOON SERVICE is furnished at Intermediate Rates.

FARES, HONGKONG TO LONDON via New York " " " £43.
HONGKONG TO SAN FRANCISCO " " " £25.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Japan, North, Central and South American Ports. For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Companies KING'S BUILDING (opposite Blake Pier).

FRED J. HALTON, AGENT.

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NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA

(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.)

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATIONS.	STEAMERS.	Tons.	SAILING DATES.
MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP, via SINGA- PORE, PENANG and COLOMBO, SUEZ and PORTSAID	KITANO MARU Capt. F. E. Cope, IYO MARU Capt. R. Taketa, HIRANO MARU Capt. H. Fraser, SADO MARU Capt. J. Richards,	9,000 7,000 9,000 7,000	WED. DAY, 2nd Aug., at Daylight WED. DAY, 16th Aug., at Daylight WED. DAY, 30th Aug., at Daylight SATURDAY, 12th Aug., from Kobe
VICTORIA B.C. & SEATTLE	AWA MARU Capt. Iritawa, INABA MARU Capt. S. Tomimaga, KUMANO MARU Capt. M. Winkler, YAWATA MARU Capt. T. Sekino,	7,000 7,000 6,000 5,000	TUESDAY, 15th Aug., at 4 P.M. TUESDAY, 12th Sept., at 4 P.M. FRIDAY, 4th Aug., at Noon. FRIDAY, 1st Sept., at Noon WED. DAY, 2nd Aug.
SHANGHAI, MOJI, and Kobe	HAKATA MARU Capt. H. Nomura, TANGO MARU Capt. K. Kawa,	7,000 8,000	THURSDAY, 3rd Aug., at 11 A.M. TUESDAY, 25th July.
BOMBAY via SINGAPORE, and COLOMBO	BINGO MARU Capt. S. J. G. Parsons, YAWATA MARU Capt. T. Sekino,	7,000 5,000	TUESDAY, 1st Aug., at Noon.

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	Yokohama Return.	Kobe Return.	Moji Return.	Nagasaki Return.
1st CLASS	\$120	\$110	\$100	\$90
2nd "	\$80	\$70	\$60	\$50

With Option of rail between Steamers' Calling Ports in Japan.

For Further Information, apply to—

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T. KUSUMOTO, MANAGER.

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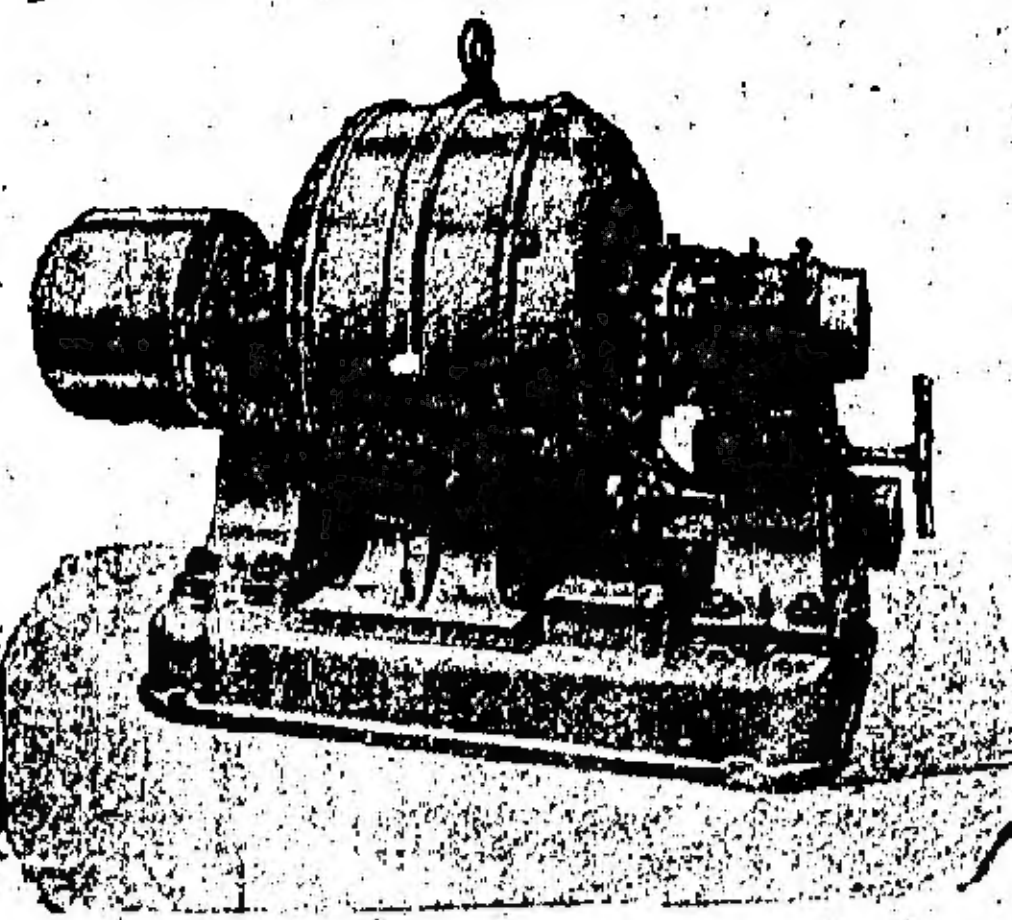
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Hongkong, 21st July, 1911.



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Sole Representative for Hongkong and South China
Hugo C. A. Fromm, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 21st July, 1911.

POST OFFICE NOTICE

Only fully prepaid letters and post cards are transmissible by the SIBERIAN Route to EUROPE.

The *Perla*, with the American Mail, is due to arrive here to-morrow.

The *Aleia*, with the German Mail of the 28th June, left Singapore on Saturday, the 22nd inst., at 3 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Wednesday, the 2th inst., at 6 a.m.

FOR	PER	DATE
Timor, Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Newcastle, New Zealand, Dunedin, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth and Fremantle	<i>Empire</i>	Monday, 24th, 11:00 A.M.
Hai Phong	<i>Hanoi</i>	Monday, 24th, 11:00 A.M.
Manila	<i>Sai Tai</i>	Monday, 24th, 1:15 P.M.
Shanghai	<i>Hongkong</i>	Monday, 24th, 3:00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Tamsui	<i>Dai Nien</i>	Monday, 24th, 3:00 P.M.
Amoy and Shanghai	<i>Typhoon</i>	Monday, 24th, 4:00 P.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	<i>Perla</i>	Monday, 24th, 5:00 P.M.
Hai Phong	<i>Johanna</i>	Monday, 24th, 5:00 P.M.
Singapore, Colombo and Bombay	<i>Bingo Maru</i>	Monday, 24th, 5:00 P.M.

Kedung, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria and Tacoma	<i>Canada Maru</i>	Tuesday, 25th, 10:00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	<i>Haiyang</i>	Tuesday, 25th, NOON
Manila, Cebu and Iloilo	<i>Sai Tai</i>	Tuesday, 25th, 1:15 P.M.
Singapore, Penang and Colombo	<i>Sinla</i>	Tuesday, 25th, 3:00 P.M.

EUROPE, &c., INDIA VIA TUTUCORIN
(Late Letters 11:00 to 11:30 A.M. Extra Postage 10 cents.)
(Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.)

Swatow	<i>Hainan</i>	Wednesday 26th, 11:00 A.M.
Swatow, Teikwan, Weihaiwei, Chefoo and Tientsin	<i>Cheongshing</i>	Wednesday 26th, 3:00 P.M.
Hai Phong	<i>Singai</i>	Thursday, 27th, 9:00 A.M.
Shanghai	<i>Lian</i>	Thursday, 27th, 3:00 P.M.
Batavia, Cheribon, Samarang and Sourabaya	<i>Typhoon</i>	Friday, 28th, 10:00 A.M.

KEHLUN, SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, SHIMIZU, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU and SAN FRANCISCO

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	<i>Haitan</i>	Friday, 28th, NOON
Manila	<i>Loongang</i>	Saturday, 29th, 1:00 P.M.
(Taking Mails for Cebu and Iloilo)	<i>Chinkua</i>	Saturday, 29th, 5:00 P.M.
Shanghai	<i>Rabi</i>	Monday, 31st, 3:00 P.M.
Manila, Cebu and Iloilo	<i>Yuseta Maru</i>	Tuesday, 1st, 10:00 A.M.
Kobe and Yokohama		Tuesday, 1st, 10:00 A.M.

EUROPE, &c., INDIA VIA TUTUCORIN
(Late Letters 1:00 to NOON. Extra Postage 10 cents.)
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Waihaiwei and Tientsin	<i>Huichow</i>	Tuesday, 1st, 11:00 A.M.
Singapore, Penang and Colombo	<i>Kitano Maru</i>	Tuesday, 1st, 5:00 P.M.

SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU and SAN FRANCISCO
SIBERIAN MAIL TO EUROPE

Manila, (Taking Mails for Cebu and Iloilo)	<i>Perla</i>	Friday, 4th, 10:00 A.M.
Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Newcastle, New Zealand, Dunedin, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth and Fremantle	<i>Kumano Maru</i>	Friday, 4th, 10:00 A.M.

COMMERCIAL.

EXCHANGE CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

July 22nd.	
ON LONDON	Telegraphic Transfer 19 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand	19 1/2
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	19 1/2
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	19 1/2
Credits, at 4 months' sight	19 1/2
Documentary Bills 4 months' sight	19 1/2
ON PARIS	Bank Bills, on demand 227 1/2
Credits, at 4 months' sight	231 1/2
ON GERMANY	On demand 134
ON NEW YORK	Bank Bills, on demand 43 1/2
Credits, at 60 days' sight	44 1/2
ON BOMBAY	Telegraphic Transfer 134 1/2
Bank, on demand	134 1/2
ON CALCUTTA	Telegraphic Transfer 134 1/2
Bank, on demand	134 1/2
ON SHANGHAI	Bank, at sight 74 1/2
Private, 30 days' sight	75 1/2
ON YOKOHAMA	On demand 88 1/2
ON MANILA	On demand 88 1/2
ON SINGAPORE	On demand 77 1/2
ON BATAVIA	On demand 108 1/2
ON HAIPHONG	On demand 11 1/2
ON SAIGON	On demand 11 1/2
ON BANGKOK	On demand 84 1/2
SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate	\$11.05
GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tael	\$37.50
BAR SILVER, per oz.	24 1/2

SUBSIDIARY COINS.

	per cent.
Chinese 20 cents pieces	\$7.24 discount
Chinese 10 "	\$7.55 "
Hongkong 10 "	\$7.11 "
Hongkong 10 "	\$7.21 "

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS. HONG KONG, JULY 22ND, 1911.

STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	VALUE.	PAID.	DE.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS CASH.
BANKS—					
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Corporation	120,000	\$125	all		\$910, buyers
China Borneo Company, Limited	60,000	\$12	all		\$288
China Light and Power Company, Limited	50,000	\$3	all		\$94
China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$10	all		\$1
COTTON MILLS—					
Ewo Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	20,000	Tls. 50	all		Tls. 67 1/2
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	125,000	Tls. 50	all		Tls. 67 1/2
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	10,000	Tls. 75	all		Tls. 46
Laon-Kung-Mow C. Spin. & Weav. Co., Ltd.	36,000	Tls. 100	all		Tls. 54
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Limited	20,000	Tls. 50	all		Tls. 22
Dairy Farm Company, Limited	40,000	\$7 1/2	all		\$21 1/2, buyers
DOCKS AND WHARVES—					
Hong & Kowloon Wharf & G. Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$50	all		\$50, sellers
Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$50	all		\$57, sellers
New Amoy Dock Co., Limited	10,000	\$50	all		\$8
Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd.	55,700	Tls. 100	all		Tls. 50, buyers
Shanghai and Hongkong Wharf Co., Ltd.	40,000	Tls. 100	all		Tls. 54
Green Island Cement Co., Limited	7,000	\$10	all		\$4.00, buyers
Hongkong and China Gas Co., Limited	7,000	\$10	all		\$21 1/2, buyers
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	12,000	\$50	all		\$119, sellers
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	8,000	\$25	all		\$7 1/2, sellers
Manila Metropole Hotel Limited	15,000	Pa. 10	all		\$11
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	50,000	\$50	all		\$180
Hongkong Steam Manufacturing Co., Limited	60,000	\$10	all		\$18 1/2, buyers
Hongkong & South China Steam Fisheries Co., Ltd.	16,000	\$10	all		\$7 1/2, buyers
INSURANCES—					
Canton Insurance Office Co., Limited	10,000	\$250	\$50		\$210, sales
China Fire Insurance Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	\$20		\$121, buyers
China Traders Insurance Co., Limited	24,000	\$23.33	\$25		\$105
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited	8,000	\$250	\$50		\$335, buyers
North-China Insurance Co., Limited	10,000	\$15	\$5		Tls. 170
Union Insurance Society, Limited	12,450	\$250	\$100		\$815
Yongtsee Insurance Association, Limited	12,000	\$100	\$60		\$205, @ Ex 73
LAND AND BUILDING—					
Hongkong Land Investment Agency Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$100	all		\$96, buyers
Humphreys' Estate and Finance Co., Ltd.	150,000	\$10	all		\$6 1/2, sales
Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd.	6,000	\$50	\$30		\$25, buyers
Shanghai Land Investment Co., Limited	78,000	Tls. 50	all		Tls. 94
West Point Building Co., Limited	12,500	\$50	all		\$47, sales
Mining—					
Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin	16,000	Pos. 250	all		\$700
Bamb Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$1	all		\$2
Peak Tramways Co., Limited	25,000	\$10	all		\$12 1/2
Philippine Co., Limited	50,000	\$10	\$1		\$110, buyers
RUBBER—					
China Rubber Refining Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	all		\$103, sellers
Luxon Rubber Refining Co., Limited	7,000	\$100	all		\$101, buyers
STEAMSHIP COMPANIES—					
China and Manila Steamship Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$25	all		\$25, buyers
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited	20,000	\$50	all		\$103, sellers
Hongkong, Canton & Macao S.S. Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$15	all		\$19, buyers
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.	60,000 def.	\$5	all		\$31, sal. & sol.
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Limited	2,500,000	\$1	all		\$64, L/don.
Star Ferry Company, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$5		\$17.6
South China Morning Post, Limited	6,000	\$25	all		\$26 1/2, buyers
Steam Laundry Company, Limited	20,000	\$5	all		\$16 1/2, buyers
STORERS AND DISPENSARIES—					
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	1,200	\$10	all		\$25, sales
Wm. Powell, Limited	15,000	\$7	all		\$9, buyers
Watkins, Limited	10,000	\$10	all		\$4, buyers
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	50,000	\$10	all		\$5, buyers
Wiegmann, Limited	3,000	\$10	all		\$12, buyers
H. Price & Co., Ltd.	15,000	\$10	all		\$12, buyers
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	9,900 only	\$10	\$4		\$10
Union Waterboat Co., Limited	100 shares	\$10	all		\$300
	50,000	\$10	all		\$63

Daily Wire	
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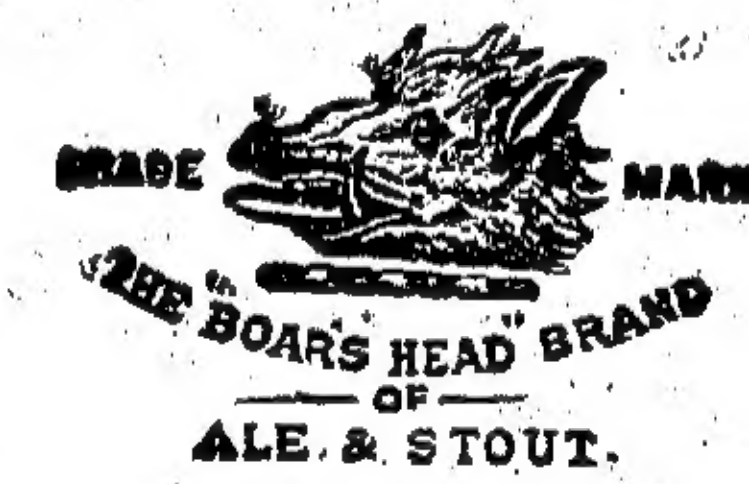
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9.15 P.M.—Hippodrome Circus at Causeway Bay.	

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